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KANSAS SENTENCING COMMISSION

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Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chair
Honorable Richard M. Smith, Vice Chair
Helen Pedigo, Executive Director

Minutes of the Kansas Sentencing Commission Meeting March 26, 2010

The Honorable Ernest L. Johnson called the Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting to order on March 26, 2010, at 1:35 p.m. in the Senate Room, Jayhawk Tower.

Participants:

Members:

Honorable Ernest L. Johnson, Chair
Honorable Christel E. Marquardt
Honorable Richard M. Smith, Vice Chair
Representative Janice Pauls
Senator Tim C. Owens
Representative Pat Colloton
Patricia Biggs, Kansas Parole Board
Kris R. Ailslieger, Kansas Attorney General's Office
Chris Mechler, Office of Judicial Administration
Secretary Roger Werholtz, Kansas Department of Corrections
Tom Drees, Ellis County Attorney
Jennifer Roth, 3rd Judicial District Assistant Public Defender
Reverend Junius B. Dotson

Guest:

Mary Beth Kirven, National Council for State Courts

Staff:

Helen Pedigo, Executive Director
Brenda Harmon, Public Service Administrator
Kunlun Chang, Director of Research
Fengfang Lu, Senior Research Analyst
Jan Brasher, Fiscal Director
Trish Beck, Program Assistant

Approval of the Minutes

Chairman Johnson referred to the minutes of the January 22, 2010 Kansas Sentencing Commission (KSC) meeting. Secretary Werholtz moved to approve the minutes.

Judge Marquardt seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

National Council for State Courts

Mary Beth Kirven from the National Council for State Courts presented to the Commission her intentions and involvement regarding the work to be preformed during the next six months on the Drug Court study:

1. Information and criteria will be gathered from the existing nine Drug Court models in Kansas.
2. Meet with focus groups, including Sentencing Commission members, attorneys, legislators, and judges.
3. Collect and provide data to assist in establishing a model that would best suit the needs of each jurisdiction and comply with Kansas law.

A report will be provided after the six-month study.

SB 123 Offender Reimbursement Discussion

Representative Pauls and Representative Colloton reviewed and presented information relating to the handout:

Report of the Subcommittee on Offender Reimbursement for Assessment and Treatment Pursuant to 2003 SB 123 to the 2010 House Committee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice, (March 2010).

Executive Director, Helen Pedigo reviewed and presented information documenting efforts made to increase receipts in the handout:

Kansas Sentencing Commission's testimony presented to the House Subcommittee on Corrections and Juvenile Justice.

Discussion was held regarding the progress that has been made in collecting SB 123 offender reimbursements as well as steps to be taken to increase the offender reimbursement.

Annual Report Presentation

Helen Pedigo provided handouts and reviewed the PowerPoint presentation of the Kansas Sentencing Commission FY 2009 Annual Report.

Agency Report

Helen Pedigo provided and reviewed the *KSC Agency Report*.

Next Meeting

The next Kansas Sentencing Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday April 22, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Room of the Jayhawk Tower.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m.